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Applicant: Victor J. Dzau et al. Docket No.: 39753-0021
Serial No.: 09/875,305 Group Art Unit: 1636
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For: **THERAPEUTIC USE OF CIS-ELEMENT DECOYS IN VIVO**

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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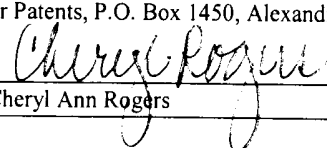
The present Preliminary Amendment and Response is filed concurrently with the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE), and addresses the issues raised in the Office Action mailed on February 26, 2003 in connection with the above-identified patent application (Paper No. 14).

Applicants request the entry of the following amendment, and favorable consideration of the following arguments.

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